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1. JULY 6 "SUNDAY TIMES" HEADLINED "CIA'S BRIDGEHEAD IN NIGERIA?",
REFERRING TO FBIS INSTALLATION IN KADUNA. ARTICLE BY HAROUN ADAMU
ASSERTS MARCHETTI AND MARKS BOOK "REVEALS" THAT FBIS CENTERS ARE
LOCATED HONG KONG, PANAMA, CYPRUS AND NIGERIA. STORY SAYS FBIS
KADUNA MONITORS OPEN RADIO BROADCASTING AROUND THE WORLD. ADAMU
REPORTS USG PAYS "A HEAVY SUM OF MONEY" TO NORTH CENTRAL STATE
GOVERNMENT EACH YEAR FOR USE OF LAND. AUTHOR CLAIMS IT "UNLIKELY"
THAT FMG "UNAWARE" OF THE FUNCTION OF THE "INFORMATION CENTER"
BECAUSE "IT IS BELIEVED" THAT BEFORE CENTER BUILT IN EARLY
60'S, THERE "MUST HAVE BEEN" AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN U.S. AND
NIGERIAN GOVERNMENTS. ARTICLE QUOTES "SENIOR AMERICAN
EMBASSY OFFICIAL" AS DENYING CENTER IS BEING USED FOR
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INTELLIGENCE WORKD AND CONTENDING TI MONITORS WEST AFRICAN

RADIO BROADCASTS, TESTS OF WHICH DISTRIBUTED TO THE "AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES, INCLUDING SOME NEWSPAPERS." NEWS ARTICLE OBSERVES CIA, CURRENTLY UNDER INVESTIGATION BY U.S. CONGRESS, IS U.S. GOVERNMENT-FINANCED ORGANIZATION FOR U.S. "EXTERNAL SECURITY" WHICH "HAS PROFESSIONAL SPIES IN PRACTICALLY ALL THE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD. THEY FEED THE CIA HEADQUARTERS WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THE COUNTRIES IN WHICH THEY SERVE." WITH THIS, THE CIA, "USING LOCAL SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS, CAN PLAN FOR THE OVERTHROW OR ENTHRONEMENT OF REGIMES IN SYMPATHY WITH THE U.S. CAUSE."

2. SECOND ADAMU COLUMN SAME EDITION CALLS FOR END TO U.S. CONTROL OVER FBIS KADUNA. AS FBIS INSTALLATION WAS PUT UP DURING CIVILAIN REGIME, ADAMU ASKS IF FMG KNOWS "WHAT GOES ON INSIDE THE BARRICADED INFORMATION GATHERING CENTER?" HE ASKS WHY FMG IS INTERESTED IN RADIO BROADCASTS OF NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES AND EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER REACTION OF NEIGHBORS "IF THEY LEARNT THAT... NIGERIA IS BEING USED TO GATHER INFORMATION REGARDING THEIR ACTIVITIES." CALLING ON FMG TO MAKE PUBLIC THE U.S. / NIGERIAN AGREEMENT ON FBIS AND EXPLAIN THE "REAL PURPOSE OF THE CENTER., ADAMU ALLEGES THAT THE MARCHETTI/MARKS BOOK HAS CREATED BELIEF THAT "CENTER MAY BE DOING MUCH MORE THAN MOST PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE GOVERNMENT, ARE ALLOWED TO KNOW." AUTHOR ASSERTS EXPERTS FROM NIGERIAN MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD GO IN AND EVALUATE FBIS INSTALLATION AND OPERATION. "IF THERE IS JUSTIFICATION FOR SUCH A CENTER,.....WE SHOULD CONTROL IT, MAN IT AND OPERATE IT." "AMERICANS SHOULD EITHER SELL THE INSTALLATION TO THE FMG OR CRATE THEIR EQUIPMENT AND SEND THEM HOME."

3. SUBSTANCE OF SUNDAY TIMES STROY WAS PICKED UP AND REPEATED IN JULY 7 NIGERIAN HERALD.

4. COMMENT: MISSION HAS DEVELOPED FOLLOWING GUIDANCE FOR KADUNA IN CASE QUERIES ARE RAISED RE FBIS:
A. THE FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE BUEEAU ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF KADUNA IS AN OPEN AND LEGITIMATE ACTIVITY WHICH NORTH CENTRAL STATE AUTHORITIES HAVE INSPECTED. THEY AND OTHER NIGERIAN AUTHORITIES ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THE BUREAU AT ANY TIME. MATERIAL PRODUCED BY FBIS IS AVAILABLE TO THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PUBLIC; DAILY SUMMARIES OF FOREIGN BROADCASTS MAY BE SUBSCRIBED TO AND RECEIVED FROM THE NATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION SERVICE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. IN NIGERIA, COPIES OF SUCH SUMMARIES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IN LAGOS.

B. IF ASKED FOR FURTHER DESCRIPTION OF WHAT FBIS DOES; FBIS PICK OUT THE HIGHLIGHTS OF PUBLIC BROADCASTS, NEWS AGENCY MATERIAL, AND SELECTED NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS, TRANSLATES

THEM WHERE NECESSARY AND TRANSMITS THEM TO WASHINGTON FOR PUBLICATION IN THE DAILY SUMMARIES REFERRED TO ABOVE.

C. IF ASKED ABOUT CIA RELATIONSHIP: THE FACT OF FBIS RELATIONSHIP TO THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY IS A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD.

D. IF THERE IS FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONING ON EXISTENCE OR EXTENT OF SECRET U.S. INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES IN NIGERIA, RESPONSE WILL DEPEND ON SUBSTANCE AND TONE OF QUESTION.

(1) PROVOCATIVE QUESTIONS SUCH AS ALLEGATIONS OF SPYING ON OR "DESTABILIZATION" OF FMG WILL BE MET WITH STATEMENT THAT U. . ENJOYS WARM RELATIONS WITH FMG, IS INTERESTED IN STABILITY AND DEVELOPMENT IN NIGERIA, AND WILL NOT INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF NIGERIA.

(2) MORE GENERAL QUESTIONS ON EXISTENCE OR ACTIVITY OF CIA IN NIGERIA WILL BE DEALT WITH BY STATEMENT: IT IS NOT U.S.G. POLICY TO MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE MATTERS.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY SUGGESTIONS OR COMMENTS DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE TO OFFER ON ABOVE.
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